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SUMMARY: BOTH WIRES REPORT HAK'S ARRIVAL PEKING. AP SAYS HAK WILL DISCUSS PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZING US-CHINESE RELATIONS AND TO BRIEF CHINESE LEADERS ON VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT. SCHWEID AND KALB REPORT US OPTIMISTIC SYRIA WILL AGREE TO EXTEND UN OBSERVER FORCE. VALERIANI SAYS PURPOSE HAK TRIP IS TO REASSURE CHINESE THAT US DID NOTHING AT SUMMIT TO AFFECT THEM ADVERSELY. AP REPORTS MRS. KISSINGER AND CHILDREN TRAVELING WITH HAK.

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AP: SCHWEID FROM PEKING -- "SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER FLEW TO CHINA TODAY PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZING US-CHINESE RELATIONS AND TO BRIEF CHINESE LEADERS ABOUT THE NEW US-SOVIET NUCLEAR ARMS UNDERSTANDING. A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED THAT THE VISIT, THE 7TH BY HAK AND FIRST IN A LITTLE OVER A YEAR, WAS ARRANGED LONG BEFORE THE JUST-COMPLETED SUMMIT BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV IN VLADIVOSTOK.

"AFTER A WEEK OF HARD NEGOTIATING, THE US IS NOW OPTIMISTIC AND CONFIDENT THAT SYRIA WILL AGREE TO AN EXTENSION OF THE UN DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID TODAY HAK CONDUCTED THE NEGOTIATIONS BY CABLE TO THE US EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS AND THROUGH THE SYRIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHILE TRAVELING IN THE FAR EAST WITH PRESIDENT FORD. SOME OF THIS WORK WAS DONE ABOARD THE SPIRIT OF '76.

"THE UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED BEFORE FORD AND KISSINGER ARRIVED IN VLADIVOSTOK LAST WEEKEND FOR THE MINI-SUMMIT WITH SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV, NEWSMEN WERE TOLD. THIS TIMING ELIMINATED A MAJOR SOURCE OF MIDEAST TENSION FROM THE FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING. . . .

"NEWSMEN WERE ADVISED NOT TO EXPECT ANY MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT DURING HAK'S FIVE DAYS IN CHINA. THE TRIP ENDS LATE FRIDAY WITH SIGHTSEEING IN SOOCHOW, THE VENICE OF CHINA, 60 MILES SOUTHEAST OF PEKING OFF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA COAST. KISSINGER'S WIFE NANCY AND HIS CHILDREN BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, ELIZABETH, 15, AND DAVID, 13, ARE TRAVELING WITH THE SECRETARY. PHILIP C. HABIB, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE FAR EAST, AND SEVERAL STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIALISTS ON CHINA ALSO WERE WITH HIM.

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"HAK HOPES TO SEE COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG, BUT AS USUAL THERE WAS NO ADVANCE WORD FROM CHINESE OFFICIALS WHETHER A MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE. WHERE MAO IS "THE SENIOR OFFICIAL SAID HAK WAS HERE PRIMARILY FOR AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE WORLD SITUATION, GIVING THE CHINESE HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE ARMS UNDERSTANDING AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT. CHIAO KUAN-HAU, CHINA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, WILL CONDUCT MOST OF THE CONVERSATIONS WITH KISSINGER. FORMERLY CHINA'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CHIAO IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE FOLLOWING THE LINE OF PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI IN WARMING RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON. CHOU, 76, IS ILL, BUT KISSINGER EXPECTS TO VISIT BRIEFLY WITH HIS OLD PARTNER IN DETENTE. . . NEWSMEN WERE TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT AN UPGRADING OF LIAISON OFFICERS TO EMBASSY STATUS AND A NEW STATEMENT ON TAIWAN ARE NOT ANTICIPATED FROM THE KISSINGER VISIT. CHINA CLAIMS THE ISLAND REFUGE OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK."

UPI: "KISSINGER ARRIVED IN A DARK, COLD PEKING TODAY BUT RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME FROM THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP. . . DEPUTY PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING HEADED A LINE OF 12 HIGH-RANKING CHINESE OFFICIALS. AND 45 LIMOUSINES FORMED FOR KISSINGER ONE OF THE MAJOR AUTO PARADES OF HIS CAREER AS

SECRETARY OF STATE.

"THE AIRPORT BORE THE DECOR ACCORDED THE HIGHEST-RANKING VISITORS -- THE USUAL BILLBOARD-SIZE PORTRAIT OF MAO, A GIANT MAO SLOGAN AND AN EQUALLY LARGE NEON SIGN READING, 'SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.'

"KISSINGER WILL BRIEF THE CHINESE ON THE VLADIVOSTOK NEGOTIATIONS BUT A HIGH US OFFICIAL STRESSED HE WILL IN NO WAY TRY TO CAUSE DIVISION BETWEEN PEKING AND MOSCOW. 'WE CANNOT STOKES THE SINO-SOVIET SITUATION,' HE SAID, BECAUSE SUCH ACTION WOULD LOSE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE CHINESE. 'THE ONLY WAY TO DEAL WITH THE CHINESE IS TO GIVE THEM OUR HONEST ASSESSMENT, OUR HONEST OPINION,' THE HIGH US OFFICIAL SAID."

NBC-TV: VALERIANI -- "ONE PURPOSE OF HIS MISSION WILL BE TO REASSURE THE CHINESE THAT MR. FORD DID NOTHING IN VLADIVOSTOK THAT WILL AFFECT THEM ADVERSELY. THE BASIC PURPOSE IS SIMPLY TO CONTINUE NURTURING THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING. A KEY ELEMENT IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S TRIANGULAR BIG-POWER DIPLOMACY WHICH USES THE CHINESE CONNECTION FOR LEVERAGE AGAINST THE RUSSIANS. SOME AMERICAN ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE CHINESE MAY HAVE SLOWED DOWN THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS TO REMIND THE US NOT TO TAKE THEM FOR GRANTED. BUT HAK HIMSELF FEELS THAT RELATIONS ARE RIGHT ON COURSE. US OFFICIALS SAY THERE ARE NO URGENT PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED THIS WEEK AND NO DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE EXPECTED. THEY DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL AGREE THIS WEEK TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL CLAIMS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER, A MOVE THAT COULD PAVE THE WAY FOR PEKING TO GET TRADE



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CBS RADIO: KALB -- "HAK IS HOPEFUL, IN FACT CONFIDENT, THAT SYRIA WILL AGREE TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE UN OBSERVER FORCE ON THE GOLAN FRONT, THUS FOR THE TIME BEING ANYWAY EASING FEARS OF AN IMMINENT RENEWAL OF WAR IN THE ME. THIS OPTIMISTIC PROGNOSIS WAS PASSED ON TO REPORTERS SHORTLY BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S PLANE LANDED HERE IN PEKING. ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO SYRIA INDICATED TO THE SECRETARY THAT SHE WOULD NOT EXTEND THE UN MANDATE THAT EXPIRES THIS SATURDAY. FEARS WERE THEN QUICKLY GENERATED THAT WAR COULD BREAK OUT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL ONCE THE UN TROOPS LEFT. THEN SOMETIME LAST WEEK BEFORE VLADIVOSTOK, KISSINGER GOT WORD THAT SYRIA WOULD PROBABLY

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AGREE TO EXTEND THE UN MANDATE. THIS WAS THE RESULT OF A DIRECT SYRIAN-AMERICAN EXCHANGE, NEITHER RUSSIA NOR EGYPT WAS USED AS A MIDDLEMAN."

CBS-TV: KALB -- "THE MAJOR REASON FOR THE TRIP IS TO REASSURE THE CHINESE THAT THE PRESIDENT AND BREZHNEV REACHED NO SECRET AGREEMENTS AT VLADIVOSTOK THAT COULD END UP HURTING THE PEKING REGIME. THE CHINESE FEAR THE RUSSIAN IN PARTICULAR AND SUPER-POWER ENCIRCLEMENT IN GENERAL. THE SECOND REASON FOR THE TRIP IS THAT HAK REQUIRES SOME REASSURANCE TOO. SINCE HIS LAST VISIT TO PEKING, A YEAR AGO, CHOU EN-LAI HAS BEEN VERY ILL, AND AN ODD KIND OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIS POLICY OF BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE US HAS BEEN LAUNCHED AND RECENTLY ABORTED, RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF PEKING'S POLICY. HAK WILL NO DOUBT CONFER WITH MAO, CONVEYING PRESIDENT FORD'S INTEREST IN TWO THINGS -- MORE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH CHINA, TRADE, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND THE LIKE, AND AN INVITATION TO VISIT PEKING NEXT YEAR. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CHINESE ARE EAGER FOR SUCH A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND AN INVITATION WILL PROBABLY BE EXTENDED."

ADDITIONAL UPI ITEM FROM PEKING: "HAK TOOK HIS WIFE NANCY AND HIS CHILDREN ON AN ALMOST SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY TO SEE CHINA'S AILING PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI TODAY. HE THEN SETTLED DOWN TO TALKS WITH PEKING LEADERS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

"AT A FORMAL DINNER TONIGHT IN THE PEKING PEOPLE'S PALACE, HAK AND CHINA'S NEW FM CHIAO KUAN-HUA EXCHANGED TOASTS AND HAILED THE BEGINNING THREE YEARS AGO UNDER THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION OF FRIENDLIER RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND AMERICA. HAK CALLED IT 'ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY' AND SAID IT 'HAS NOT BEEN A MATTER OF EXPEDIENCY, BUT OF FIXED PRINCIPLE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.' REFERRING TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESIGNATION, HAK TOLD THE CHINESE, 'SINCE I WAS HERE THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES IN THE UNITED STATES. . . IT WAS NO ACCIDENT THE NEW PRESIDENT SAW YOUR AMBASSADOR ON HIS FIRST AFTERNOON IN OFFICE . . . PRESIDENT FORD HAS SENT ME HERE TO CONTINUE FRUITFUL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS . . .

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-CHIAO, AN OLD DIPLOMATIC FRIND OF HAK'S, HAILED THE SINO-AMERICAN FRIENDLIER RELATIONS AND SAID, 'WE OUGHT TO MENTION THE PIONEERING ROLE WHICH MR. RICHARD NIXON PLAYED IN THIS REGARD. AND WE ALSO NOTE WITH APPRECIATION PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT THE FRIENDLIER POLICY. . .

"KISSINGER SPENT ABOUT 30 MINUTES WITH CHOU AT THE HOSPITAL IN THE FIRST EVENT OF HIS 5-DAY CHINESE VISIT AND SAID HE FOUND HIM LOOKING 'VERY WELL.'

"THE PRESENCE OF NANCY KISSINGER AND KISSINGER'S SON AND DAUGHTER UNDERScoreD THE PERSONAL APSECTS OF THE HOSPITAL CALL KISSINGER MADE LESS THAN AN HOUR AFTER HIS ARRIVAL."

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